

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 50

(By Senators Foster, McCabe and Browning)

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6 Calling on the West Virginia Congressional Delegation to promote
7 and protect Title X funding.

8 Whereas, The West Virginia Department of Health and Human
9 Resources Family Planning Program is an integral part of public
10 health and primary prevention across the state; and

11 Whereas, The West Virginia Legislature finds that family
12 planning promotes the health of men, women and children and the
13 well-being of families and infants; that family planning encourages
14 responsible behavior; that family planning reduces unplanned and
15 teen pregnancy; that family planning reduces the need for abortions
16 and expenditures for high risk pregnancies; and, that family
17 planning allows pregnancies to be wanted and planned when couples
18 are best able to care for their new children; and

19 Whereas, The West Virginia Family Planning Program is
20 supported by federal Title X funding; and

21 Whereas, The West Virginia Family Planning Program contracts
22 with approximately one hundred fifty-two local county health
23 departments, primary care and rural health centers, college and
24 university student health clinics, hospitals and private medical

1 practices to deliver clinical family planning services to eligible
2 individuals; and

3 Whereas, The West Virginia Family Planning Program annually
4 serves fifty-seven thousand six-hundred forty-eight West
5 Virginians, the vast majority of whom are living in poverty and
6 receive services at no-charge; and

7 Whereas, West Virginia received \$2,445,565 in federal funds
8 from Title X during the 2010-2011 budget year; and

9 Whereas, The medical, educational and counseling services of
10 The West Virginia Family Planning Program clinics are broad
11 including male and female exams, cervical cancer screening, breast
12 and testicular screening, STD testing and treatment, counseling on
13 STD, HIV and AIDS risks, preconception counseling, pregnancy
14 testing and counseling, referral services, male and female birth
15 control and male and female sterilization services; therefore, be
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17 *Resolved by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

18 That the Legislature calls on the West Virginia Congressional
19 Delegation to promote and protect Title X funding; and, be it

20 *Further Resolved,* That the West Virginia Legislature salutes
21 The West Virginia Family Planning Program for providing vital
22 health services for West Virginia women, men and families; and, be
23 it

24 *Further Resolved,* That the Congressional Delegation from the

1 State of West Virginia be called upon to do all that it can in
2 order to promote and protect Title X funding so that such
3 critically important health programs in our great Mountain State
4 can continue to serve the needs of West Virginians.